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I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement issued today by Mr. Robert Kocharian, President of the State Defence Council of Nagorny Karabakh.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the statement as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alexander ARZOUMANIAN
Permanent Representative

Annex

The authorities of Azerbaijan and Republic of Nagorny Karabakh signed an accord at 1700 hours, 31 August 1993, on a cease-fire and agreed to a meeting between the leaders of Azerbaijan and Nagorny Karabakh by 10 September.

This agreement was reached at a time when the armed forces of the Republic of Nagorny Karabakh, resisting the attempts of units of the Azerbaijani army in the Kubatli region to attack the Hadrut region, were taking measures to neutralize the military positions of the enemy.

We share fully the concerns and assessments of the President of the Republic of Armenia; we also appreciate the prospects of the dialogue that has begun. The authorities of the Republic of Nagorny Karabakh have, therefore, given orders to their armed forces to withdraw immediately from the Khochik-Khanlik-Chereli line to positions held earlier.

By withdrawing its forces from over 30 population centres of the Kubatli region, including the regional centre, as an expression of good will, the NKR forces intend to observe strictly the agreement which has been signed. The authorities of the Republic of Nagorny Karabakh, in their turn, appeal to the authorities of Azerbaijan to preclude any operation which can jeopardize the recently evident positive developments.

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Stepanakert